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In re Patent Application of:
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING
REPRODUCING APPARATUS, PROGRAM,
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING
MEDIUM, AND DEFECT FIELD
MANAGEMENT METHOD

Examiner: L. T. Nguyen

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The references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form were cited in the enclosed European Search Report dated February 17, 2009.

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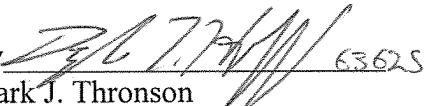
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